

risked their lives to protect American personnel carrying out our foreign policy abroad. Their actions set the standard for valor in the line of duty. These American heroes are a credit to the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, the Department of State, and the people of the United States of America.

We must do all we can to protect American personnel abroad who we ask to carry out U.S. foreign policy, often in far away, and often dangerous places. The Diplomatic Security Bureau and agents like Hargraves, Reilly, and Salmon deserve our full support and understanding, as they carry out this difficult, and often dangerous task.

#### TRIBUTE TO JO ANNE SIMON

##### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 28, 1996*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, Jo Anne Simon is an outstanding community activist who represents the brownstone community of Boerum Hill in downtown Brooklyn. Ms. Simon is the president of the Boerum Hill Association. The association serves the historic community that has thriving merchant businesses.

Jo Anne works closely with local community board and public officials to ensure that critical issues such as education, crime prevention, historical preservation and quality of life issues are responsibly addressed on behalf of community and neighborhood members. Ms. Simon recognizes that her efforts must be special because Boerum Hill is a very special Brooklyn enclave.

An attorney and former teacher of the blind, Jo Anne has been very active in the disability rights movement. She is a founding member of the Association of Higher Education and Disability, a national organization which advocates for equal access to higher education. She currently serves on its board of directors. I am pleased to bring Jo Anne Simon's community activism to the attention of my colleagues.

#### TRIBUTE TO ROBERT E. DOYLE

##### HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 28, 1996*

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, Robert E. Doyle recently passed away at his home in Schenectady, NY. Robert was known as the "Commish". He served longer than any other State Liquor Authority Commissioner in the United States. He was considered by his colleagues as the dean of liquor administration.

Robert was born in Thendara, NY. This is in Herkimer County. He was a 1952 graduate of Siena College, and he served during World War II in the Pacific campaign as a Pfc. in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Robert began his tenure with the State Liquor Authority in 1959 as a deputy commissioner. His advice and counsel were sought by public administrators, elected officials, industry executives, and community leaders. He was a warm and caring man willing to help virtually anyone with a problem.

He retired from his post as commissioner in 1995. Mr. Doyle's wife Geraldine Fitzgerald Doyle passed away in 1990. He had five children and eleven grandchildren. He also had a brother, the Very Reverend Mathias Doyle, and three sisters Mary Lou Provost, Gayle Michon, and Joanne Dee.

Robert Doyle had made numerous contributions to his Nation, his State, and his Family. He was truly a good man.

Many including the family, the State of New York, and others mourn his loss. The "Commish" passed away on February 14, in the year of our Lord 1996.

#### TRIBUTE TO LETICIA P. JOHNSON

##### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 28, 1996*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, there is no greater calling than attending to the education and nurturing of our children. For the past 20 years Leticia P. Johnson has been performing that very vital task. Leticia is a graduate of Brooklyn College and received a master's degree in supervision and administration.

Leticia believes that early childhood learning sets the stage for positive human development. Leticia has dedicated herself to getting society and educators to focus on the total needs of our children.

Leticia's participation in various organizations reflects her commitment to children. She is a member of the National Black Child Development Institute, and is the cochair of the Early Childhood Task Force. Leticia is also a member of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Conference Inc. For the past 10 years she has served as the director of Young Minds Day Care Center, sponsored by Fort Greene Citizens Council Inc. Brooklyn sees the fruits of Leticia's efforts each time a child is nurtured and educated in her institution. I am happy to acknowledge her selfless efforts.

#### OFFICER ROBERT ALLMOND HONORED AT POLICE CEREMONY AWARDS

##### HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 28, 1996*

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a resident of the 13th Congressional district who recently was named one of the best law enforcement officers in the Nation.

Abington Township, Montgomery county, Police Officer Robert Allmond was recognized as one of 10 honorable mentions during the Police Officer of the Year ceremony. Officer Allmond received the distinction from the International Association of Chiefs of Police and Parade magazine after his name was submitted for consideration by Abington Police Chief William J. Kelly and Edie Richards, director of community development for the Township of Abington.

Mr. Speaker, there are 604,000 police officers in the United States and many past winners have been picked for single outstanding

incidents involving a shooting incident or dangerous rescues. Officer Allmond's award is based on a long-term commitment to community policy work which has reduced crime, brought community support for police officers and raised neighborhood esteem.

Officer Allmond began his assignment in 1992 as community policing officer in the Crestmont area where crime, violence, and drug abuse were the highest in the township, according to Chief Kelly. Eighteen months later, a survey showed that overall fear of crime in the neighborhood had dropped by 12.75 percent, community support for police had increased 63 percent and neighborhood esteem was up by 4 percent.

Officer Allmond initiated several programs in Crestmont including organizing trips for youngsters to the New Jersey State Aquarium at Camden, the Franklin Institute Science Museum, the Philadelphia Zoo and the Academy of Natural Sciences. He has also taken children to Philadelphia Eagles, Phillies and 76ers games and arranged for weeks of free bowling so youngsters could participate in a league-like environment.

Almost as important as the outings was the fact that community leaders like Chief Kelly, the township commissioners, police officers, dispatchers, township staff and parents went along as chaperones and got involved with the children.

Officer Allmond organized a program to bring doctors and nurses into the neighborhood using a community policing vehicle as a mini-medical office to do free blood-pressure screenings and other tests for low and moderate income residents. The Lions Club used the vehicle to provide free vision screenings.

Allmond helped coordinate a Citizen's Police Academy to create better understanding between police and residents. Citizens were invited to participate in a 30-hour course about police duties and many Abington police officers volunteered to teach the courses and became involved in the interaction between police and citizens.

Officer Allmond also worked with Abington Memorial Hospital, a leader in community health services, to take information about the outstanding Children's Health Insurance Program [CHIPS] to the community, again using the specially equipped van. CHIPS officers subsidized health insurance for children based on family income.

Officer Allmond's work with the Crestmont Community Policing Program was recognized earlier this year when the program was one of six national winners of the Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Award and was honored by the National Community Development Association "for exemplary and creative uses of community development block grant funds which best address the needs of families, homes and neighborhoods of low and moderate income."

Officer Allmond's boss, Chief Kelly, has said of this outstanding citizen: "Bob's initiative, energy, and willingness to try new approaches are greatly responsible for his success, but at the same time, I know that he would be the first to point out that area residents and local beat officers are the keys to the long-term success of these programs in this neighborhood."

Mr. Speaker, that is high praise for the 34-year-old officer who joined this outstanding police department in 1986. Officer Allmond has